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COMMERCE & TRANSPORT (TRANSPORT) DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 18th September, 2012

S.R.O. No.522/2012—Whereas the draft of certain rules further to amend the Odisha Motor Vehicles Rules, 1993 was published as required by sub-section (1) of Section 212 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988), in the Extraordinary issue No.179, dated the 2nd February, 2012 of the *Odisha Gazette* under the notification of the Government of Odisha in the Commerce & Transport (Transport) Department No.454-LC-TR-26/2011-T., dated the 24th January, 2012 inviting objections and suggestions from all persons likely to be affected thereby till the expiry of a period of thirty days from the date of publication of the said notification in the *Odisha Gazette*;

And, whereas, objections and suggestions received in respect of the said draft have duly been considered by the State Government,—

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 96 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988), the State Government do hereby make the following rules further to amend the Odisha Motor Vehicles Rules, 1993, namely:—

1. (1) These rules may be called the Odisha Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules, 2012.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the *Odisha Gazette*.

2. In the Odisha Motor Vehicles Rules, 1993, in rule 108, after sub-rule (11), the following sub-rule shall be inserted; namely:—

“(11A) A Sleeper Bus or Coach (Contract Carriages and Stage Carriages) shall conform to the following specifications, subject to the provisions prescribed in rule 108, namely:—

- (i) The vehicle shall have a front entrance-*cum*-exit door on left side operated by driver or attendant equipped with assist rails in front of the front axle.
- (ii) The overall height of the vehicle shall be a maximum of 3.8 meters including Air-Conditioned hood.
- (iii) The interior height of the vehicle shall not be less than 215 centimeters and not more than 255 centimetres (head-room).
- (iv) Roof ceiling shall be provided with soft material to prevent impact.
- (v) The width of the upper berth shall not be less than 560 mm and that of the lower berth shall not be less than 625 mm and the back squads when unfolded shall form a berth.
- (vi) The leg room between seats shall not be less than 350mm.
- (vii) The thickness of each seat cushion shall not be less than 75 mm for sitting and minimum thickness of 150 mm after forming into the berth.
- (viii) The thickness of upper berth shall not be less than 65 mm and should be also covered with neat rexin of fabric.
- (ix) The lower berth shall be fixed at a minimum height of 450 mm from the floor.
- (x) The clear head-room of seating passengers shall not be less than 853mm.
- (xi) The clear head-room for the upper berth shall not be less than 653 mm.
- (xii) Optional chain in the middle or longitudinal guard between the two chains shall be provided for upper berth.
- (xiii) The upper berth shall be pivot mounted at the partition and suspended by a 2 bright steel chains mounted on hinges on berths. These chains will be fixed rigidly by means of bolting and welding to the roof structural members. The chain shall be located to ensure that the sum total of the overhead position shall not exceed the centre to centre distance of chains measured along the axis of the berths.
- (xiv) Individual windows for lower and upper berths shall be provided and the lower window still shall be at minimum height of 725 mm from the floor.

- (xv) Ladder steps for upper berth shall be provided and it shall be fixed at a minimum height of 250 mm and the distance between each step shall be 300 mm.
- (xvi) The length of each berth shall not be less than 1800 mm.
- (xvii) An assist handle shall be provided for comfortable occupation of the upper berth at a convenient height.
- (xviii) No seat shall be permitted to be fitted in the gangway.
- (xix) There shall also be sufficient space underneath the lower berth for keeping the luggage. Wire ropes are to be provided for fastening the luggage.
- (xx) Hat racks inside the saloon shall not be permitted.
- (xxi) Emergency exit shall be provided at the rear.
- (xxii) The vehicle shall have an attendant to take care of passengers in addition to the driver or conductor.
- (xxiii) Each berth shall be provided with neat fabric-covering which shall be capable of being kept in a clean and sanitary condition.
- (xxiv) One pillow and two neat linens shall be provided to each passenger (one for wrapping and another for spreading).
- (xxv) Fire extinguisher shall be provided.
- (xxvi) First Aid Box with necessary medicines shall be provided and it shall be checked every fortnight for its contents and the validity of medicines.
- (xxvii) Guard to be provided for lower berths in line with upper berths with chain.
- (xxviii) Safety guards covered with soft material on either side of the upper berths shall be provided.
- (xxix) Magazine pouches shall be provided at convenient location. Bottle holders shall also be provided.
- (xxx) Drinking water shall be provided with ice box.

(xxxi) Night lamps preferably in blue colour shall be provided in the gangway and also in coupe, if provided.

(xxxii) Individual reading light at convenient location for each berth shall be provided.

(xxxiii) There shall be single berths as well as twin sleeper berths to be provided in sleeper coaches.

(xxxiv) The berths shall be fitted along the coach as well as across the coach of the vehicle".

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By Order of the Governor

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